



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE  
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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** 2004 –2005 PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SALMON FISHERIES

**Description of Proposal:** Implementation of the 2004-05 State-Tribal Agreed-to Fisheries Document (2004-05 Comanager Fisheries Summary) developed in accordance with the Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan, the Comprehensive Coho Management Plan (PSTT and WDFW 1998), and harvest objectives for Puget Sound chum and steelhead under the U.S. v. Washington Puget Sound Salmon Management Plan.

Fisheries planned in 2004-05 include:

- Marine recreational salmon fisheries throughout Puget Sound (marine areas 5 through 13), beginning in June and extending through April 2005. These fisheries harvest primarily chinook and coho salmon, but also encounter other species depending upon time and area.
- Freshwater recreational salmon fisheries in most Puget Sound streams. Species retention rules vary by stream and time. Primary species include chinook, coho, sockeye, chum and steelhead. Note that freshwater fisheries directed at other species are covered by a separate Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plan under section 4(d) ESA, since chinook incidence in those fisheries is low.
- Chinook directed treaty and nontreaty commercial net fisheries in Bellingham/Samish/Lummi Bays (areas 7B,C,D), Tulalip Bay (Area 8D), East Kitsap (area 10E) and Elliott Bay (area 10A).
- Net fisheries in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and San Juan Islands directed at Fraser River sockeye and managed under authority of the Fraser River Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission.
- Potential fisheries in area 10 and the Lake Washington system directed at Lake Washington sockeye salmon.
- Coho-directed fisheries in Bellingham Bay, Port Gardner/Port Susan (Area 8A), Mid-Sound (areas 10 and 11), and Hood Canal (areas 12 and 12B).
- Smaller coho-directed gillnet fisheries in Dungeness Bay (area 6D), Port Gamble Bay (area 9A), and Quilcene Bay (area 12A).
- Selective coho-directed reef net fishery in the San Juan Islands (area 7).

- Chum-directed gillnet and seine fisheries in the San Juan Islands, Bellingham Bay, Skagit Bay (area 8), Port Gardner/Port Susan, Mid-Sound and Hood Canal.
- Chinook, coho, sockeye, chum and steelhead net fisheries in freshwater areas, including Nooksack, Skagit, Stillaguamish, Snohomish Rivers, the Lake Washington system, Green, White, Puyallup, Nisqually, Skokomish, and Elwha Rivers.
- Tribal ceremonial and subsistence fisheries for all species

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** The Puget Sound Action Area is bounded on the east by the Cascade Mountain Range and on the west by the Olympic Mountains. Its northern part reaches the international boundary between the United States and Canada, and it ends at the base of the low hills of the Coast Mountain Range near Olympia. The surrounding land mass of the action area includes approximately 13,600 square miles, 20 percent of the State of Washington's total surface land mass (66,582 square miles).

The Puget Sound Action Area includes all marine waters of the State of Washington east of, and including the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The action area also includes all State of Washington freshwater tributaries of these marine waters east of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the freshwater tributaries of the Strait of Juan de Fuca east of, and including the Elwha River drainage.

Puget Sound in the State of Washington, Parts, of Townships 21 and 41 and Townships 22 through 40 North, Parts of Ranges 04 East and 04 West, and Ranges 01 through 03 East and Ranges 01 through 03 West WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **June 15, 2004**

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**SIGNATURE:**

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